



ACTION IN AFRICA SPONSORED (MATURE) STUDENT REBECCA GRADUATES



Father Vitalis returns to Nyaishozi laden with gifts

There are not many men who would be happy going through three international airports with suitcases full of feminine hygiene products and female underwear, but Father Vitalis is no ordinary man.

Rojas (pictured below) had written a lovely thank you letter to the charity for sponsoring him and had requested a school bag, if possible. We were pleased to oblige.

Another student who has benefited from the generosity of the Ashtead residents is Rebecca Didas. She has just graduated in her Masters in midwifery. Rebecca, pictured below with two of her daughters, was sponsored by the charity for her formal education and we have contributed to the cost of her Masters degree. She will now spend twelve months in the field before returning to Nyaishozi Dispensary full time. Congratulations Rebecca!



Judith Augustine, (pictured above) a pupil at Nyaishozi Primary School, was one of the first of our sponsored students to receive her bag of gifts, kindly sent over by her sponsor, who is a local resident and parishioner of St Michael's. Another student who was pleased to see the return of Father Vitalis was Rojas Nekemia.



Hawk-eyed readers will recognize the school bag would have been used by a former Downsends School pupil. We hope that Rojas enjoys using it and that it has a few more years' life in it yet.



RUHINDA GIRLS WITH THEIR KITS



Days for Girls kits arrive safely in Nyaishozi

The Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits hand carried to Nyaishozi were earmarked for the two schools and dispensary, which had already participated in a previous training programme. It is important that the girls who receive the kits understand how to care for them, as this increases their durability.

Ruhinda Secondary School girls (pictured above) were very excited to receive their kits. Their matron has already requested another batch, which will be sent out as soon as funds allow.



Pictured left are students sitting where they normally queue for water. The village of Kibogoizi has severe water problems. Action in Africa has two engineers from another charity visiting the village in October. They will advise the locals how to proceed. Father Vitalis will oversee the repairs needed to restore this water system for the local community. Action in Africa will contribute towards the cost.

'If you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a society.'

African Proverb

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Abella Deusdedith is the latest addition to the Action in Africa family. She lives in a local village with her aunt, although her mother tries to help to pay for her, but with another six mouths to feed, life is tough for the family. Abella is a happy child and we wish her well in her studies. It costs £40 per annum to sponsor children like Abella.

An Update on the Motor bikes for Remote Dispensaries

While Father Vitalis was in Ashtead, he gave several pulpit addresses, during which he highlighted the plight of remote villages in his parish, whose dispensaries had no access to transport. He suggested buying inexpensive Chinese motorbikes to be used by the midwives and nurses who service these communities.

The parishioners of St Michael's heard his plea loud and clear. Not only was enough money raised from the collections to fund one motor bike, but two Ashtead residents have kindly come forward to finance another two. Below is one of the Kibogoizi dispensary nurses astride the brand new bike.

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to Father Vitalis during his stay and by the outstanding generosity shown by our supporters. Thank you all for making his trip such a success!

